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SUBJECT: R/V ENDEAVOR CLEARANCE REQUEST, 7-24 NOV 1976

1. R/V ENDEAVOR, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN GOC TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 7-24 NOV 1976.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH WILL BE TO STUDY DISSOLVED ORGANIC MATTER AND SMALLER SIZE FRACTIONS OF PLANKTON COLLECTED FROM THE WATER COLUMN. PARTICLE FREE WATER WILL BE STUDIED FOR DISSOLVED OXYGEN CONTENT, TOTAL CARBOHYDRATES, MONOSACCHARIDES AND POLYSACCHARIDES. THE SUSPENDED PARTICLES WILL BE FRACTIONATED AND ASSAYED FOR ATP, AEC, PLANT PIGMENT, TOTAL CARBON, CARBOHYDRATES, AND EPIFLUORESCENT COUNT. PICOPLANKTON GROWTH RATES WILL BE DETERMINED OVER A 24-HOUR PERIOD AT DEPTHS OF PHOTOTROPH AND PHAGOTROPH ACCUMULATIONS.

3. EQUIPMENT TO BE USED WILL INCLUDE: NISKIN BOTTLES,
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HYDROCASTS, SPECTROPHOTOMETERS, AND PLANKTON TOWS.

THREE STATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED, TWO IN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE AND ONE ON GEORGES BANK. A STATION LOCATION

CHART WILL BE POUCHED SEPARATELY.

4. R/V ENDEAVOR IS A NEW VESSEL WHICH WILL BE CONDUCTING ITS MAIDEN VOYAGE AFTER COMPLETION AT STURGEON BAY, WISCONSIN. A COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF HER CHARACTERISTICS IS BEING MAILED TO THE EMBASSY. THE SHIP'S CAPTAIN IS HERBERT P. BENNETT JR AND THE CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. JOHN SIEBURTH. THERE IS A CREW OF 13 AND SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 14. BERTHS ARE AVAILABLE FOR TWO CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH THE GOC.

5. SHIP WILL BE MAKING A PORT CALL AT MONTREAL ON ABOUT 6 NOV AND SHIP'S AGENT IS CALEB BRETT, CANADA LTD. COMMUNICATIONS FREQUENCIES MONITORED ARE VHF/FM 156.8(16) AND 156.65(13), AND SSB 2181.0, 4136.3, 4139.5, 6210.4, 8281.2 AND 8284.4. RADIO CALL LETTERS HAVE BEEN APPLIED FOR BUT NOT YET ISSUED.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE FOR THE R/V ENDEAVOR TO OPERATE IN GOC TERRITORIAL WATERS DURING THE PERIOD 7-24 NOV 1976. ROBINSON

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